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TRAINING OF SPORTSPERSONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sportspersons sent abroad by the Union Government for training during the last three years;

(b) the criteria for the selection in this regard; and

(c) the percentage out of the sports budget spent on the training of the sportspersons ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) The number of sportspersons sent abroad for training during last 3 years by the Government of India under various schemes are as under:

S.No.	Name of the Scheme	No. of Sportspersons sent abroad for training during 2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1.	Scheme Relating to Talent Search & Training	25	20	41
2.	National Sports Development Fund	04	07	02

The Government also gives financial assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) under the `Scheme for Assistance to National Sports Federations` for various purposes including training and participation in international sports events abroad. However no separate data is maintained in respect of sportspersons sent for training under this scheme.

(b) The selection criteria for assistance for training abroad under above noted schemes are as under:

(i) Scheme Relating to Talent Search & Training: Under this scheme, the financial assistance is given only to promising sportspersons who have equaled or excelled the existing national record or are Gold Medalists of last National Championship or are Medalists of Asian/ Commonwealth/Afro-Asian/Olympic Games/World Championship in the relevant category i.e. Senior/Junior/Sub-junior in different sports disciplines.

(ii) National Sports Development Fund (NSDF): The Executive Committee of NSDF considers the proposals of exceptionally talented sportspersons who are medal prospects in major international events.

(iii) Assistance to National Sports Federations: Under this scheme, the sportspersons to be sent abroad for training and participation in international events are selected by the National Sport Federation concerned on the basis of national ranking, performance at national level/during selection trials.

(c) The percentage of total budget spent on coaching/training of sportspersons/teams during the last 3 years is as under:

Year	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Percentage of sports budget spent on coaching/training of sportspersons/teams	19.18	21.12	26.08